

FIG. 1

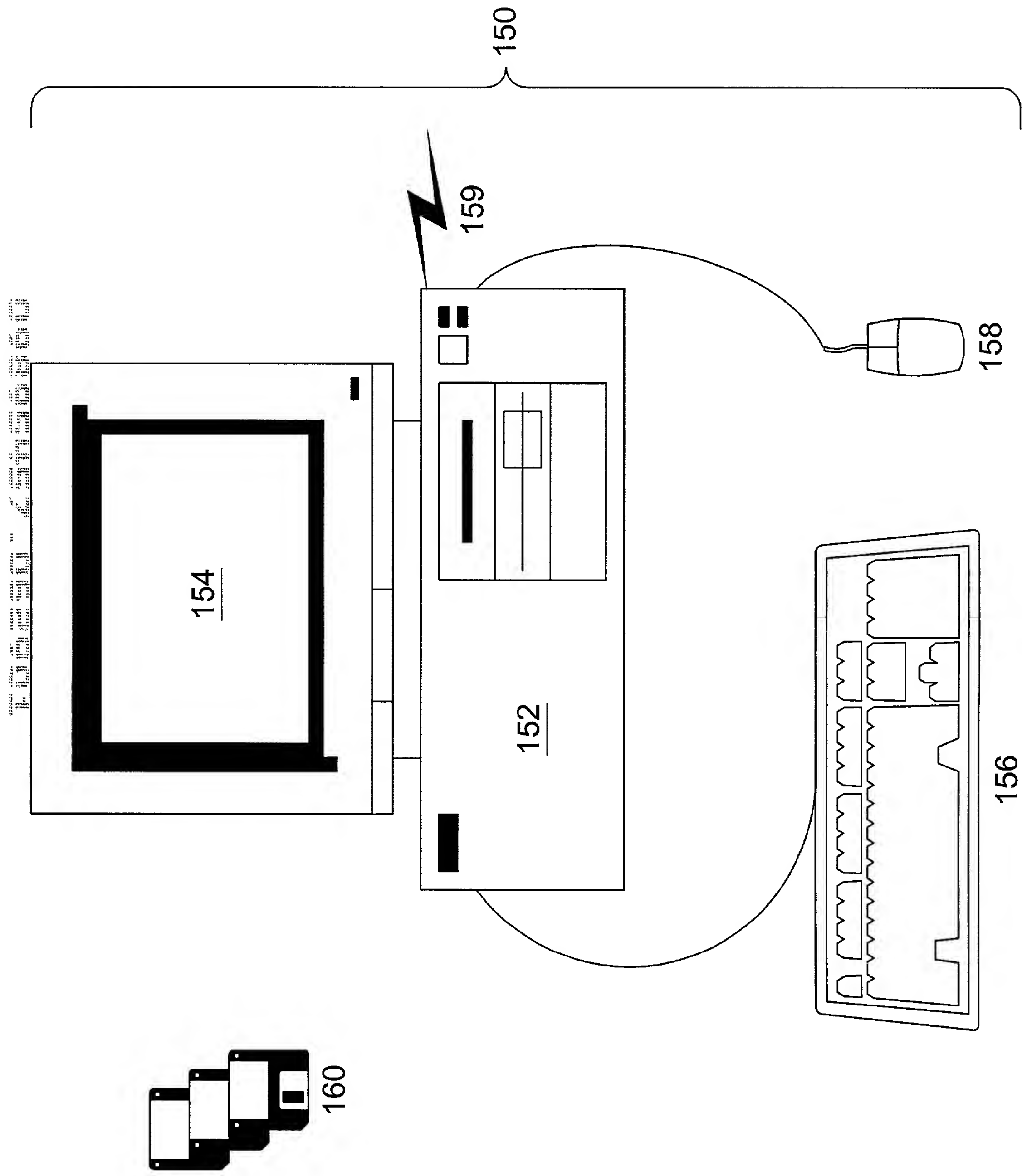


FIG. 2

FIG. 3a is a block diagram of a network architecture. The architecture includes a central Internet cloud (304) connected to an E-Commerce Server (302) and a Local Internet Server (322). The Local Internet Server (322) is connected to a Client Computer System (306). The E-Commerce Server (302) is connected to a Proxy Server (312). The Proxy Server (312) is connected to an Intranet (304a), which is connected to Client Computers (306a).

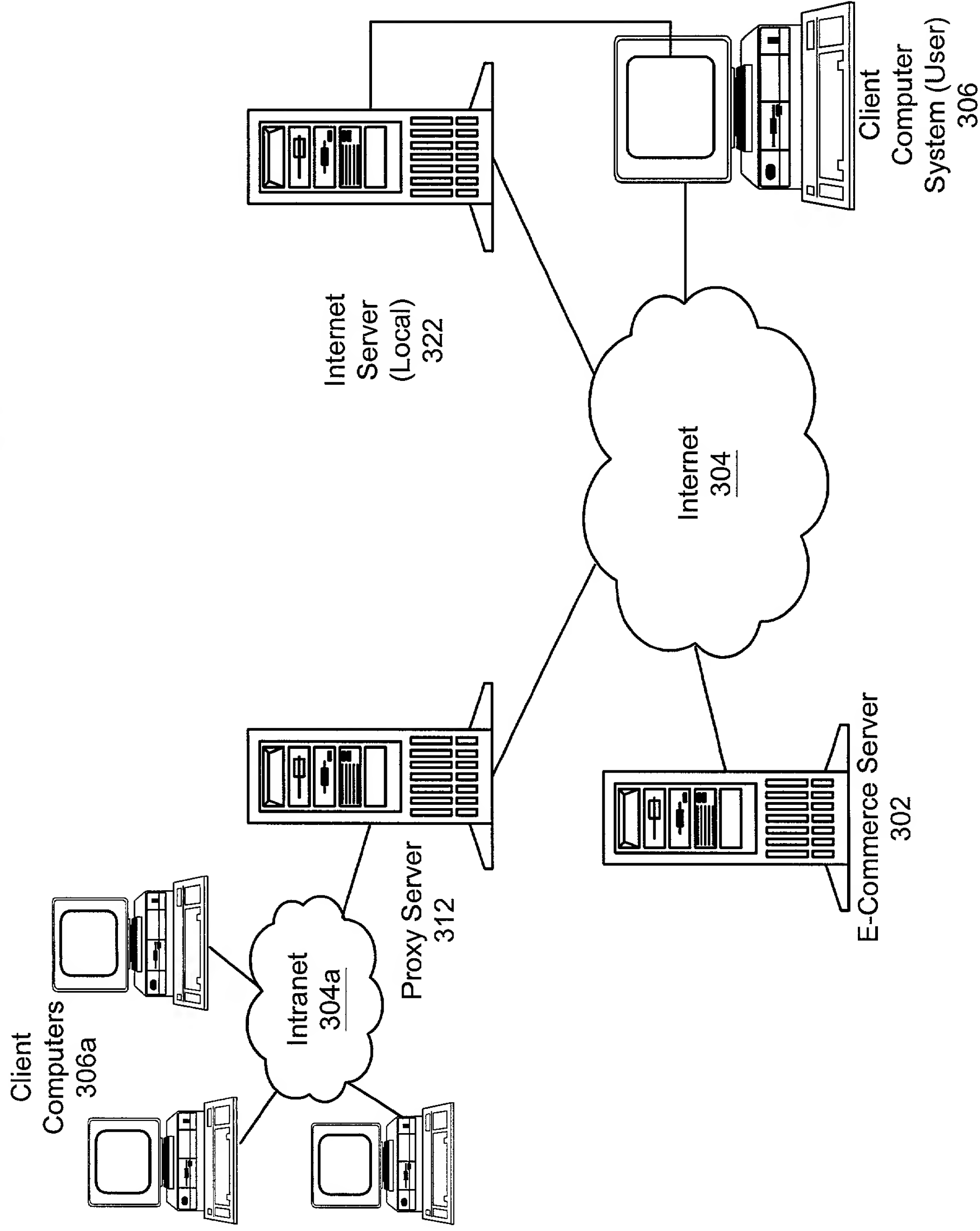
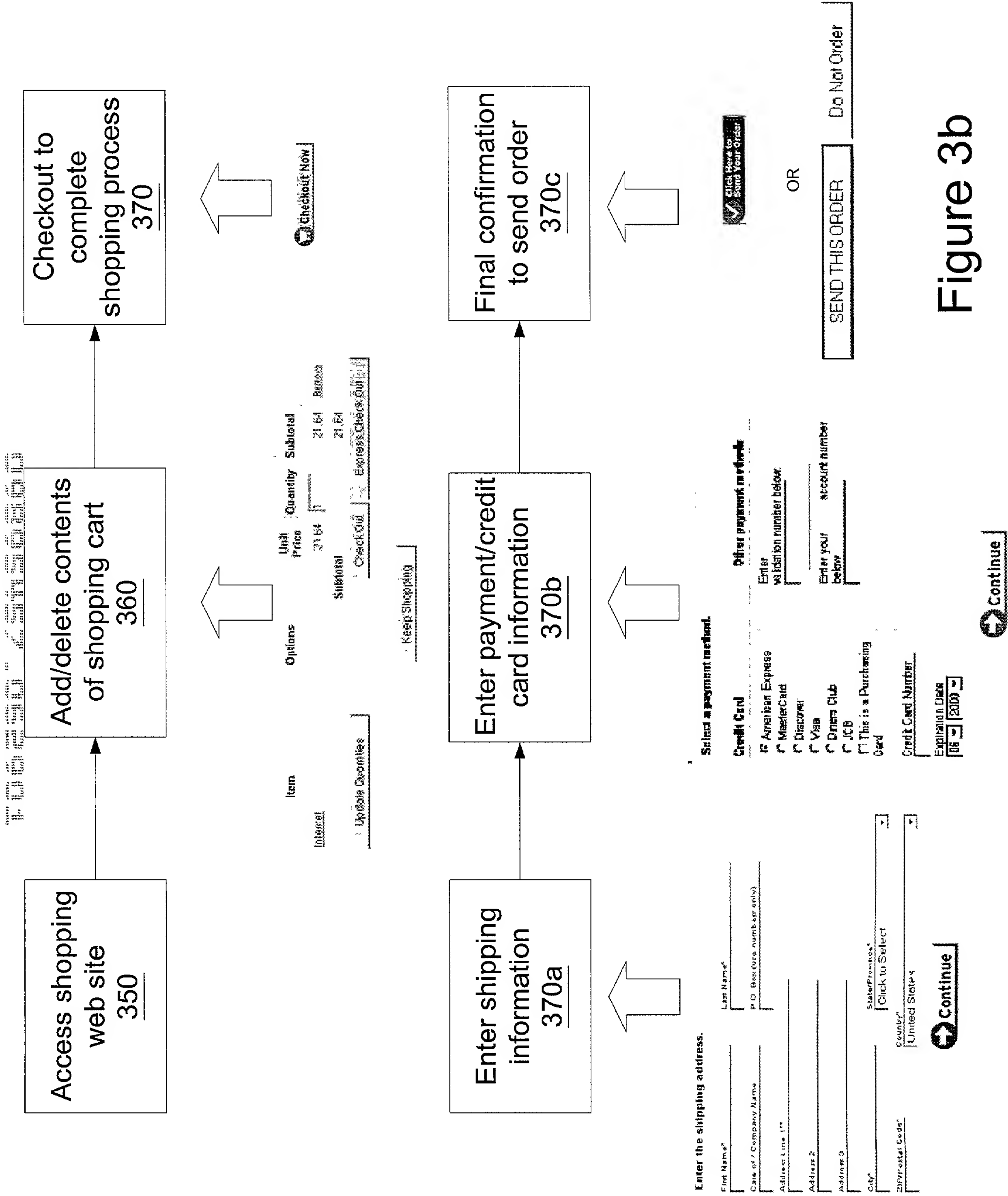


FIG. 3a



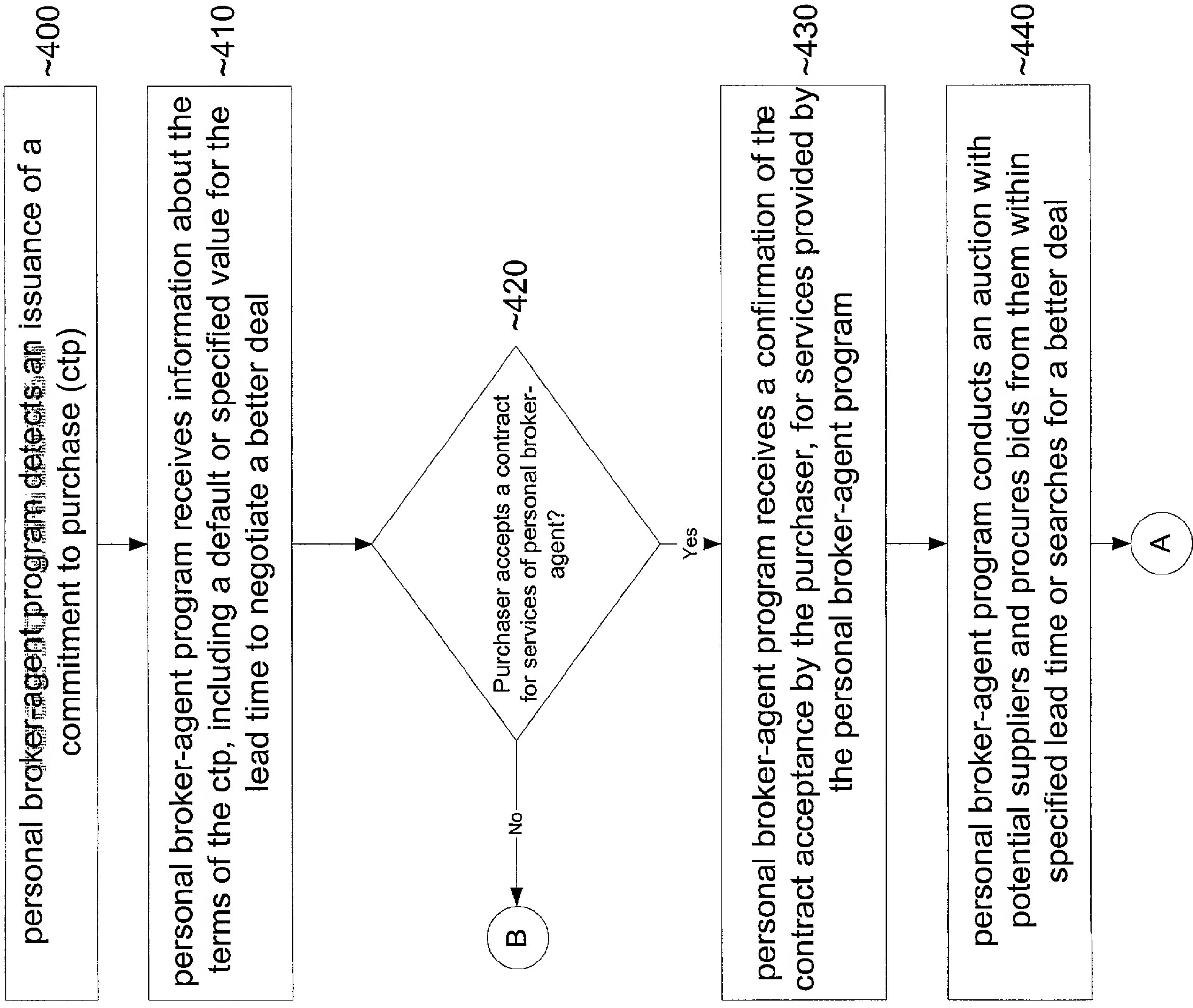
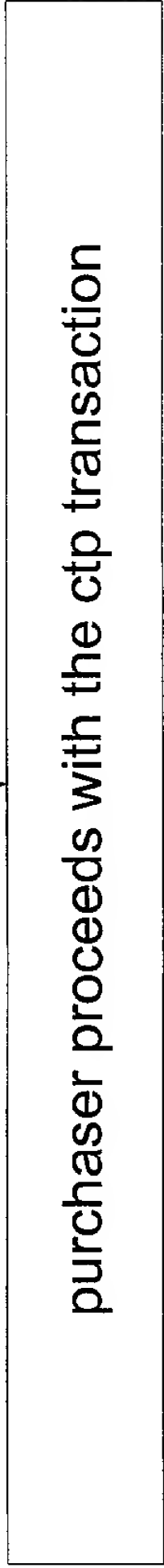


Figure 4a

FIG. 4b is a flowchart illustrating a process for a purchaser to proceed with a ctp transaction.

B



~450

Figure 4b

A



~460



~470

Figure 4c

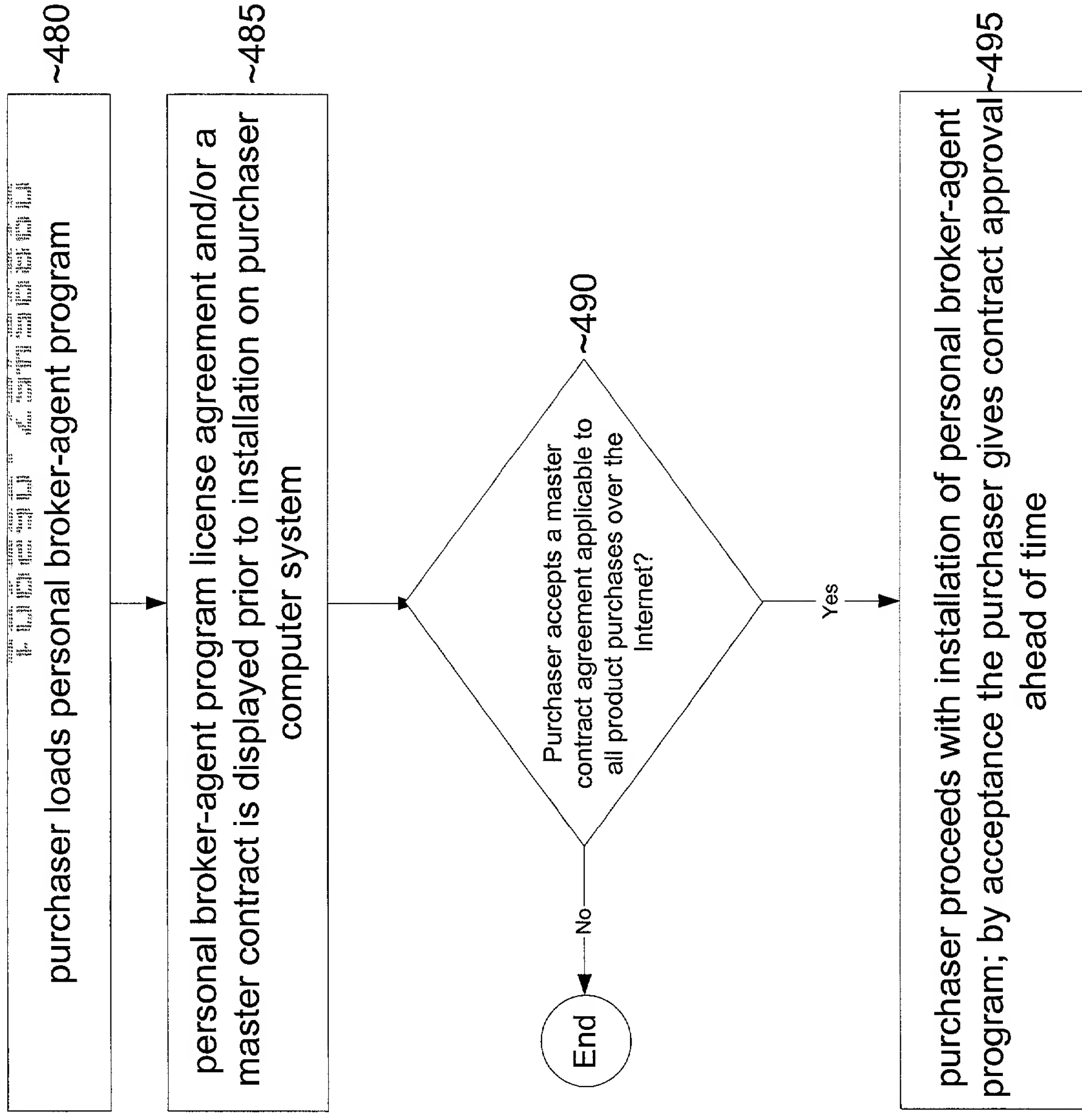


Figure 4d

500

Benchmark PO	Supplier2	Supplier3	Supplier4
Price1	Price2	Price1	Price1
Delivery1	Delivery2	Delivery3	Delivery2
Warranty1	Warranty1	Warranty1	Warranty2
Return1	Return2	Return3	Return1

510

Figure 5



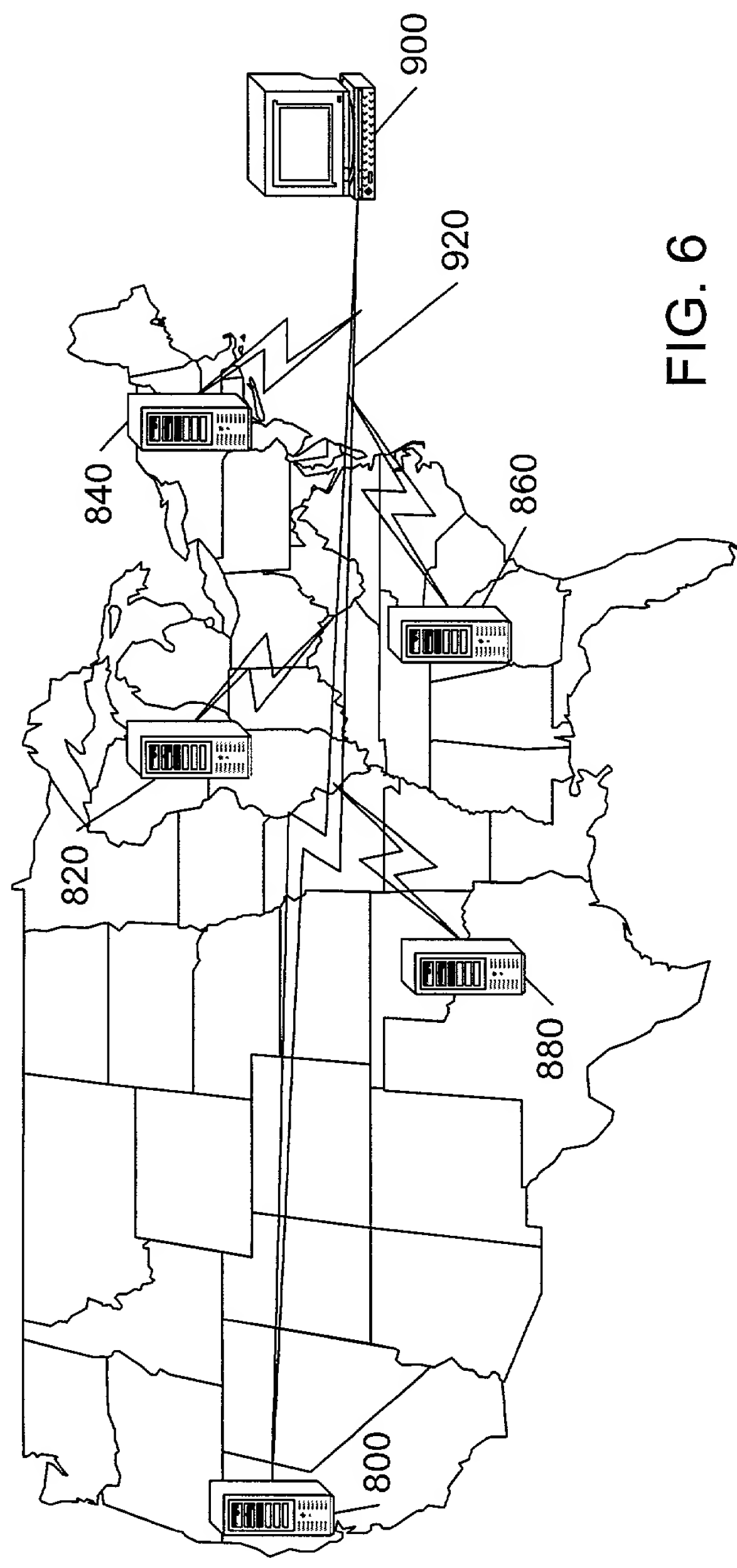


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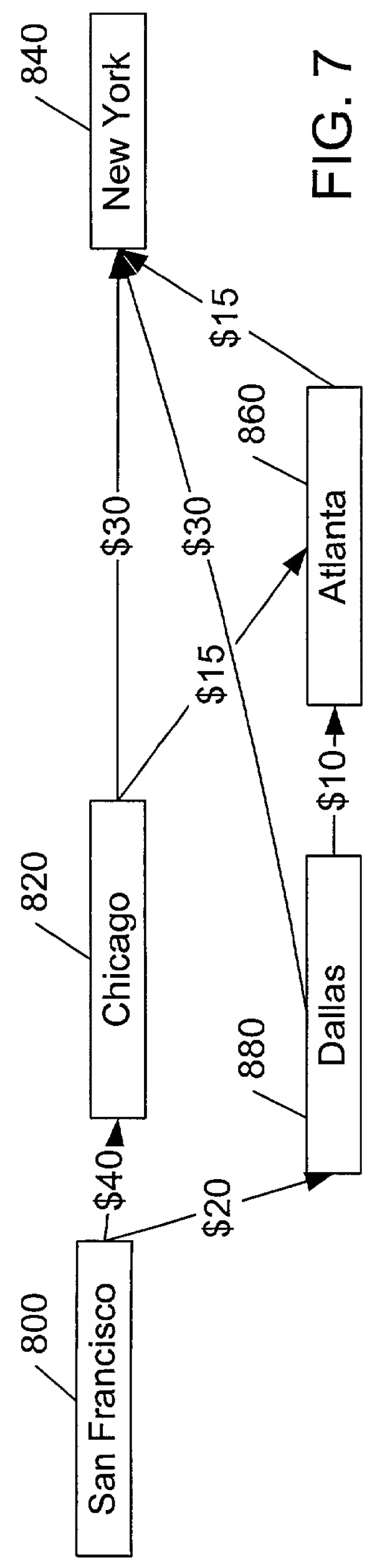
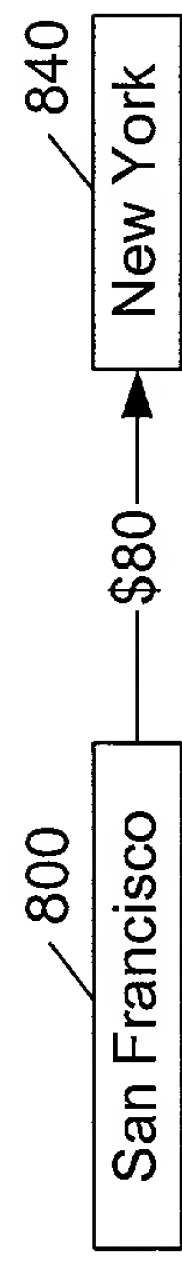


FIG. 7